

Unit Four- The World's Deadliest Disease

The Stages of the Plague of 1665 (Bubonic)



Stage One Swelling of lymph nodes in groin and armpits red and black ring-like blotches appear on skin



Stage Four Blue and purple buboes appear — large, painful, often bleed, and have a foul-smelling discharge



Stage Two Pain all over body; difficulty sleeping



Stage Five Sneezing fits and vomiting often preceded death



Stage Three High temps affect brain and nerves — speech becomes unintelligible

On average, the duration of the plague lasted from 2 to 7 days. About 50 % of people who contracted the disease died as a result.

Ring-a-ring o' roses red, ringlike blotches on skin  
A pocket full of posies sweet-smelling flowers worn to mask smell of death  
A-tishoo! A-tishoo! sneezing fits

We all fall down. people dying from the plague